INTERESTING ITEMS WORLD OF BOOKS

CHEMISTRY, TRAVEL, CANADIAN LETTERS. RELIGION, BONDS

to take for granted a multitude of facts broad margins, are beautiful specimens from expert investigators which he has of tasteful book making. neither the time, the knowledge nor the inclination to examine for himself is hardly aware of the shaking and upset-While it may be somewhat more diffi-

cult to acquire the vocabulary or to unwith the new ideas will be expected of names and glossary of botanical terms, every one before long. An excellent takes up 170 large quarto pages. book from which to derive the informa-Chemistry, Old and New," by Dr. E. A. Letts of the Belfast University (D. Van history of chemistry, with the many ideas rejected at the time as fantastic more interesting than romance. The summary of what has been done in very excling. For one thing, the aichemists' search for the philosopher's stone as been revived and the transfusion of one element into another seems to be at tions of science are shaken by the new yman the behavior of what he was like this should be helpful to many. aught to regard as abstract, convenonal terms may seem amazing. The osive behavior of the atom under

bactive influence reads as strangely would the moral delinquency of the but the study of the infinitely mall has dad even greater results smong the chemists than among the bacteriologists, and the consequences

In the brief articles, which are little more than expanded notes, included in "The Tower of Mirrors" (John Lane Company) Vernon Lee has the advantage over most writers of impressions of ravel that she knows intimately the ands of which she speaks, that she as assimilated thoroughly her books and her art, and that she can express erseif in an English which as beome as rare as the society in which is used habitually She succeeds admirably in rendering "the spirit of places," places she selects in France traveller passes by. No tourwill be tempted to visit them by what she says, for her impressions are purely personal and call for culture as ripe as hers and an equal love the lands she sees to be fully appreciated. Those who travel in imagination or in memory, however, will eny these charming essays. There is much that will repay the

r who can pick it out of the some. what rambling impressions of Japanese ife in "By Nippon's Lotus Ponds," Matthias Klein (Fleming H. Revell Company). The author was a missionary in Japan, and while that fact is he selects and the point of view in dealing with them, on the other hand, he is wholly free from the æsthetic pose of most travellers in that country, and oreover abstains from describing over again the notable sights. He looks at the common people pretty objectively and describes their habits, their ideas, their manner of life in a matter of fact way. He deals mainly with the country people, and these European visitors only glance at casually, so that his book has a peculiar interest.

Canadian Literature.

The perusal of two thin volumes reted from an encyclopedic work entitled "Canada and Its Provinces" will leave the strong impression on the readr's mind that, whatever the future may no such thing as a Canadian terature exists, at any rate in Eng-sh. The "English Canadian Litera-Thomas Guthrie Marquis assow, Brook and Company, Toronis a list of authors who have write about Canada with rather full described success by students of philosophy and of theology alike. In spite of his philosophic studies, however, Prof. Eucken cannot free himself from the impressions of his Lutheran bringing live from every point of the present generation, and which in the field of pure ilterature least contains but a single author one reputation is in any way Canada and Protestantism. He impressions of his Lutheran bringing love from every point of the particular tasks of the readers to whom names mean nothing. They do not deal with author evidence and instyld concertion. It is the business of the modern novelist to study of the doctribuse and Protestantism. He impressions of his Lutheran bringing love from every point of view; and instyld concertion. It is the business of the modern novelist to study of the present generation, and of the present generation, and of the present generation, and placed on the present generation of catholicism and Protestantism. He impressions of his Lutheran bringing love from every point of view; and instyld concerted. It is the business of the modern novelist. The particular tasks of the readers to whom names mean nothing. They do not deal with authority view; and the present generation and protestantism. He impressions of his Lutheran bringing love from every point of view; and the present generation and protestantism. He impressions of his Lutheran bringing love from every point of view; and the present generation is in any way Canada and protestantism. He impressions of his Lutheran bringing love from every point of view; and the present generation and protestantism. He impressions of his Lutheran bringing love from every point of the maintractors.

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The general reader who is trained to the cyclopedia. They are pretty slight the statements of science blindly to stand by themselves. In typography ancomprehendingly and is obliged and get up the two volumes, with their

A Cyclopedia of Horticulture.

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The articles are comprehensive and ion is "Some Fundamental Problems of practical; each is provided with a bibliography and is signed by the author. Nearly every article of importance is Nostrand Company). The outline of the lilustrated in the text and there are history of chemistry, with the many many fine colored plates besides. The title page promises sketches of eminent that have proved right in later ages, is horticulturists; these probably are relegated to a later volume. One phrase in the preface is puzzling: the author asyears and what chemists and serts that "the United States and Canphysicists are thinking now is decidedly ada have both acquired new tropical connections and interests in secent years." This may refer to some in- symbols with the texts appropriate to crease in Canadian commerce, but that the season or an illuminated verse of hardly seems sufficient to warrant an Easter song. The humorous ones play For another, the very founda- interest beyond the border in the prod- as usual with eggs and chicks and femucts of the new possessions of the United inine spring headgear. States. An up to date, practical encytheories of matter, and Newton's law of States. An up to date, practical ency-gravitation must be modified. To the clopedia of flowers, fruits and vegetables

Spring Gardening Books.

The practical information contained The practical information contained tions" (Charles Scribner's Sons), Prof. in "Harper's Book for Young Garden- Morris Jastrow, Jr., of the University ers," by Alpheus Hyatt Ver-ill (Harpers), is fully up to date, having drawn rather than the similarities between the iberally on the Agricultural Bureau two peoples, that have been brought to bulletins. It is also put into a form notice by the archeological discoveries that any intelligent person can under- in the Euphrates and Tigris country must be understood soon by educated men. H. G. Wells has undertaken to popularize them in fiction.

Impressions of Foreign Lands.

that any intelligent person can underson that any intelligent person c whatever age, and especially to those dix he compares their accounts of the whose domains are not too spacious. At the end there is an interesting chapter on Luther Burbank's work. The book is well illustrated.

The directions given in Adolph Kruhm's little book "The Home Vegetable Garden" (Orange Judd Company, New York) are also clear and practical. The author has in mind throughout the cultivation of a small patch, and in his restricts himself to information that will prove useful. He wastes no time

Edward Du Bols Flint in "The Garden were to be found in Scotland they should fer from the American in character or Patch" (John Lane Company), and a be used in preference to others. While quality. quotation, usually in verse, accompanies the book is not intended to be a text each subject that he writes about. Agricultural matters are arranged in ir- verify regularly alphabetical order; they seem to be selected in a haphazard way, and the statements about them are not al-

by tells the story of how he ran a large tells the story of how he ran a large principles. It is the story of an individual achievement, is in which the author is interested more to be prouded and is the stars and constellations, and to his description of each he joins what hisary in Japan, and while that fact is in which the author is interested more description of each he joins what his-apparent at times, from the subjects in telling what he did than how he did torical, legendary or literary informait, at any rate in such detail as to be a guide to others. He relates many episodes that have little to do with farming and others about his fight for a market; these add to the interest of the book as a story, no doubt, but take the room of instructions or hints to intending large farmers. The scale on which the author operated is beyond the attainment of the ordinary com-

A Few Religious Books.

Whether or no the adjudication of a Nobel prize will much longer be esteemed as a mark of excelling merit, there is no doubt that Rudolph Eucken stands high among living philosophers and on a much higher plane than the son (Macmillans), will therefore be read

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In the lectures delivered at Oberlin College, which are printed under the title "Hebrew and Babylonian Tradiof Pennsylvania dwelt on the differences

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